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SYNTHETIC PEPTIDE OF REGULATORY VIRUS PROTEIN R (VPR) OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS TYPE 1 (HIV-1) AND THE UTILIZATION THEREOF

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.112

MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of patent application Serial No. 09/913,927, filed on January 14, 2002, and entitled SYNTHETIC PEPTIDE OF REGULATORY VIRUS PROTEIN R (VPR) OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS TYPE 1 (HIV-1) AND THE UTILIZATION THEREOF, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred.

- An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 including Exhibits A and B is attached.
- Pursuant to a telephone discussion today between Applicants' undersigned attorney and Examiner Mosher, an Advisory Action will be filed today and no fee is due for submission of a response on this date.
- The fee has been calculated as shown below in the "Claims as Filed" table.

CLAIMS PRESENT

Claims Remaining:	Highest Number Previously Paid For:	Number Extra			Rate	 Fee
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- A charge to the Deposit Account identified below in the amount of \$385.00 to cover the RCE Filing Fees.
- Address all future communications to the Attention of Karen S. Canady at Gates & Cooper LLP, Howard Hughes Center, 6701 Center Drive West, Suite 1050, Los Angeles, California 90045, Telephone: (310) 641-8797.

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate.

Please charge all fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0494 of Gates & Cooper LLP. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed,

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